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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Aeder and Examiner Helms for the courtesy of the Interview conducted on November 15, 2005. This reply is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed June 22, 2005 setting a three (3) month

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statutory period for response as well as issues discussed during the November 15, 2005 Interview. A Petition for a two (2) month extension and the requisite fee are provided herewith. A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee are also provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 3.

Remarks begin at page 8.